PACIFIC COAST STATES FISHERIES — 1959

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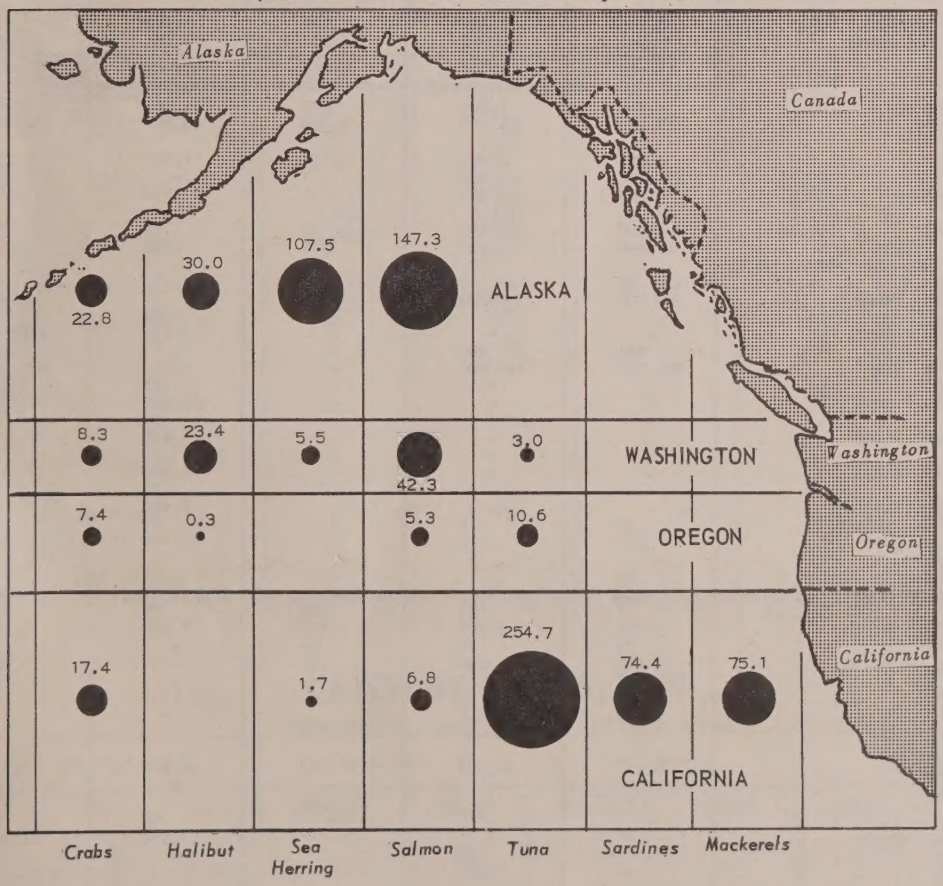
Annual Summary

PACIFIC COAST STATES CATCH OF CERTAIN SPECIES, 1959

(Amounts shown in millions of pounds)



The commercial catch of fish and shellfish landed in the Pacific Coast States (Alaska, Washington, Oregon, and California) during 1959 amounted to 1,055 million pounds, valued at 104 million dollars. Compared with the previous year this was a decline of 223 million pounds or 17 percent in volume, and 18.5 million dollars or 15 percent in value. Reduced catches of salmon, sardines, and tuna were responsible for the decline in volume.

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SECTIONAL SUMMARIES

SUMMARY OF CATCH, 1959

(THOUSANDS OF POUNDS AND THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

STATE	FISH		SHELLFISH, ETC.		WHALE PRODUCTS		TOTAL	
	QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE
ALASKA	287,051	26,341	36,472	2,446	-	-	323,523	28,787
WASHINGTON	132,724	17,820	22,462	3,709	-	-	155,186	21,529
OREGON	40,877	5,020	10,841	1,376	-	-	51,718	6,396
CALIFORNIA	471,485	42,372	41,943	4,227	11,395	875	524,823	47,474
TOTAL	932,137	91,553	111,718	11,758	11,395	875	1,055,250	104,186

SUMMARY OF OPERATING UNITS, 1959

ITEM	ALASKA	WASHINGTON	OREGON	CALIFORNIA	TOTAL, EXCLUSIVE OF DUPLICATION
	NUMBER	NUMBER	NUMBER	NUMBER	NUMBER
FISHERMEN:					
ON VESSELS	6,345	5,202	1,366	6,022	15,741
ON BOATS AND SHORE	5,121	5,872	1,650	2,186	14,750
TOTAL	11,466	11,074	3,016	8,208	30,491
VESSELS, MOTOR	1,999	1,506	593	1,420	4,621
NET TONNAGE	27,398	25,430	9,360	40,246	85,099
BOATS:					
MOTOR	4,053	2,194	1,117	1,332	8,659
OTHER	-	423	7	-	430
ACCESSORY BOATS	929	365	1	302	1,422
GEAR:					
HAUL SEINES	387	111	5	14	517
LENGTH, YARDS	78,440	8,300	500	1,250	88,490
PURSE SEINES AND LAMPARA NETS:					
HERRING	25	10	-	-	35
LENGTH, YARDS	10,060	4,200	-	-	14,260
MACKEREL	-	-	-	123	123
LENGTH, YARDS	-	-	-	60,450	60,450
SALMON	904	368	-	-	1,089
LENGTH, YARDS	366,070	197,000	-	-	465,170
SARDINE	-	-	-	123	123
LENGTH, YARDS	-	-	-	60,450	60,450
SQUID	-	-	-	50	50
LENGTH, YARDS	-	-	-	16,240	16,240
TUNA	-	-	-	97	97
LENGTH, YARDS	-	-	-	73,380	73,380
OTHER	-	-	-	18	18
LENGTH, YARDS	-	-	-	7,440	7,440
BEAM TRAWLS, SHRIMP	22	3	-	19	44
YARDS AT MOUTH	247	18	-	114	379
OTTER TRAWLS:					
CRAB, KING	26	-	-	-	26
YARDS AT MOUTH	540	-	-	-	540
FISH	1	127	52	59	230
YARDS AT MOUTH	25	2,765	1,150	1,700	5,403
SHRIMP	24	14	24	-	59
YARDS AT MOUTH	489	290	490	-	1,209
BRUSH WEIRS	-	1	-	-	1
POUND NETS	3	3	-	-	6
FLOATING TRAPS	11	-	-	-	11
POTS AND TRAPS:					
CRAB:					
DUNGENESS	5,911	21,300	27,900	36,290	87,301
KING	5,655	-	-	-	5,655
CRAWFISH	-	-	650	-	650
FISH	-	-	-	50	50
LOBSTER, SPINY	-	-	-	13,800	13,800
OCTOPUS	-	100	-	-	100
SHRIMP	60	250	-	-	310
GILL NETS:					
DRIFT:					
BARRACUDA	-	-	-	26	26
SQUARE YARDS	-	-	-	93,600	93,600
SALMON	2,930	1,446	694	-	5,014
SQUARE YARDS	4,174,096	6,406,400	2,046,500	-	12,367,996
SEA BASS	-	-	-	61	61
SQUARE YARDS	-	-	-	219,600	219,600
SMELT	-	8	75	-	83
SQUARE YARDS	-	7,000	67,500	-	74,500
OTHER	-	-	-	9	9
SQUARE YARDS	-	-	-	79,500	79,500

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SUMMARY OF OPERATING UNITS, 1959 - Continued

ITEM	ALASKA	WASHINGTON	OREGON	CALIFORNIA	TOTAL, EXCLUSIVE OF DUPLICATION
	NUMBER	NUMBER	NUMBER	NUMBER	NUMBER
GEAR - CONTINUED:					
GILL NETS - CONTINUED:					
SET:					
SALMON	1,521	296	169	-	1,986
SQUARE YARDS	1,343,260	68,400	67,000	-	1,478,600
SHARK	-	20	-	-	20
SQUARE YARDS	-	22,500	-	-	22,500
TRAMMEL NETS	-	-	-	6	6
SQUARE YARDS	-	-	-	27,000	27,000
LINES:					
HAND:					
ROCKFISHES	-	-	-	351	351
HOOKS	-	-	-	702	702
TUNA:					
ALBACORE	-	-	-	576	576
HOOKS	-	-	-	576	576
YELLOWFIN AND SKIPJACK	-	-	8	1,582	1,582
HOOKS	-	-	8	1,582	1,582
OTHER	-	52	-	-	52
HOOKS	-	104	-	-	104
TROLL:					
ALBACORE	-	2,355	4,415	8,930	13,655
HOOKS	-	2,355	4,415	8,930	13,655
SALMON	6,134	5,900	2,660	7,590	21,122
HOOKS	32,326	23,600	10,320	45,540	107,016
OTHER	-	-	-	480	480
HOOKS	-	-	-	480	480
LONG OR SET WITH HOOKS	8,525	5,070	107	429	10,872
HOOKS	699,055	476,800	10,130	53,118	932,703
DIP, BRAIL, OR SCOOP NETS	-	251	31	568	850
REEF NETS	-	104	-	-	104
WHEELS	8	-	-	-	8
HARPOONS:					
SWORDFISH	-	-	-	51	51
WHALE	-	-	-	5	5
DREDGES:					
CLAM	-	2	-	-	2
YARDS AT MOUTH	-	2	-	-	2
OYSTER:					
COMMON	-	92	6	3	101
YARDS AT MOUTH	-	184	12	6	202
SUCTION	-	2	-	-	2
TONGS, OYSTER	-	-	-	25	25
SHOVELS	303	2,244	347	10	2,904
DIVING OUTFITS, ABALONE	-	-	-	71	71

CATCH BY STATES, 1959

(THOUSANDS OF POUNDS AND THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

SPECIES	ALASKA		WASHINGTON		OREGON 1/	
FISH	QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE
CARP	-	-	282	6	-	-
COD	8	(2)	12,961	648	359	16
DOLLY VARDEN TROUT	6	2	-	-	-	-
FLOUNDERS:						
"SOLE"	-	-	12,783	933	13,347	700
UNCLASSIFIED	1	(2)	887	44	728	25
HAKE	-	-	360	3	11	(2)
HALIBUT	29,974	3,899	23,408	3,818	323	46
HERRING, SEA	107,444	1,294	5,537	113	4	(2)
LINGCOD	4	(2)	5,418	265	421	19
OCEAN PERCH	-	-	5,840	292	1,890	85
PERCH	-	-	131	16	(2)	(2)
RATFISH	-	-	2,597	23	-	-
ROCKFISHES	7	(2)	6,667	323	5,949	232
SABLEFISH	2,312	187	4,258	452	287	29

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CATCH BY STATES, 1959 - Continued

(THOUSANDS OF POUNDS AND THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

SPECIES	ALASKA		WASHINGTON		OREGON 1/	
FISH - CONTINUED	QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE
SALMON:						
CHINOOK OR KING	11,720	3,002	5,884	1,927	3,650	1,199
CHUM OR KETA	32,269	2,389	6,170	1,108	96	10
PINK	48,047	4,921	13,686	2,105	7	1
RED OR SOCKEYE	43,390	8,275	9,927	3,100	473	156
SILVER OR COHO	11,852	2,370	6,641	1,850	1,103	291
TOTAL SALMON	147,278	20,957	42,308	10,090	5,329	1,657
SEA BASS, WHITE	-	-	3	(2)	-	-
SHAD	-	-	56	5	330	31
SHARKS:						
GRAYFISH	-	-	3,092	28	64	1
SOUPFIN	-	-	2	(2)	-	-
UNCLASSIFIED	-	-	5	(2)	-	-
TOTAL SHARKS	-	-	3,099	28	64	1
SKATES	-	-	707	7	-	-
SMELT:						
EULACHON	8	(2)	1,293	56	463	62
SURF OR SILVER	-	-	536	39	(2)	(2)
STEELHEAD TROUT	9	2	317	66	506	105
STRIPED BASS	-	-	-	-	20	2
STURGEON	-	-	275	27	263	27
SUCKERS	-	-	40	1	-	-
TUNA:						
ALBACORE	-	-	2,961	565	10,582	1,983
BLUEFIN	-	-	-	-	(2)	(2)
SKIPJACK	-	-	-	-	1	(2)
TOTAL TUNA	-	-	2,961	565	10,583	1,983
TOTAL FISH	287,051	26,341	132,724	17,820	40,877	5,020
SHELLFISH, ETC.						
CRABS:						
DUNGENESS	3,999	326	8,257	1,134	7,429	996
KING	18,840	1,478	-	-	-	-
TOTAL CRABS	22,839	1,804	8,257	1,134	7,429	996
CRAWFISH, FRESH-WATER	-	-	-	-	24	7
SHRIMP	13,052	506	3,046	313	2,734	246
CLAMS:						
HARD	-	-	509	198	-	-
RAZOR	473	131	422	154	18	7
UNCLASSIFIED	-	-	-	-	16	5
TOTAL CLAMS	473	131	931	352	34	12
OCTOPUS	-	-	87	11	-	-
OYSTERS, MARKET:						
PACIFIC	-	-	10,057	1,799	620	115
WESTERN	-	-	42	97	-	-
TOTAL OYSTERS	-	-	10,099	1,896	620	115
SQUID	-	-	42	3	-	-
KELP WITH HERRING EGGS	108	5	-	-	-	-
TOTAL SHELLFISH, ETC.	36,472	2,446	22,462	3,709	10,841	1,376
GRAND TOTAL	323,523	28,787	155,186	21,529	51,718	6,396

SPECIES	CALIFORNIA 1/		TOTAL	
FISH	QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE
ANCHOVIES	7,174	100	7,174	100
BARRACUDA	1,153	114	1,153	114
BONITO	3,012	117	3,012	117
CABEZONE	10	(2)	10	(2)
CABRILLA	5	1	5	1

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CATCH BY STATES, 1959 - Continued

(THOUSANDS OF POUNDS AND THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

SPECIES	CALIFORNIA 1/		TOTAL	
FISH - CONTINUED	QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE
CARP	467	22	749	28
COD	-	-	13,328	664
DOLLY VARDEN TROUT	-	-	6	2
FLOUNDERS:				
ARROWTOOTH HALIBUT	787	18	787	18
CALIFORNIA HALIBUT	3/354	80	354	80
SAND DABS	467	27	467	27
"SOLE"	16,138	1,080	42,268	2,713
UNCLASSIFIED	3/1,047	51	2,663	120
FLYING FISH	30	7	30	7
GROUPERS	286	56	286	56
HAKE	1,097	22	1,468	25
HALFMOON	4	1	4	1
HALIBUT	8	2	53,713	7,765
HARDHEAD	53	13	53	13
HERRING, SEA	1,727	34	114,712	1,441
KING CROAKER	1,534	48	1,534	48
LINGCOD	1,406	98	7,249	382
MACKEREL:				
JACK	37,507	897	37,507	897
PACIFIC	37,602	958	37,602	958
OCEAN PERCH	-	-	7,730	377
OPALEYE	5	1	5	1
PERCH	213	34	344	50
POMPANO	36	10	36	10
RATFISH	-	-	2,597	23
ROCK BASS	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
ROCKFISHES	15,282	710	27,905	1,265
SABLEFISH	1,938	99	8,795	767
SALMON:				
CHINOOK OR KING	6,160	2,805	27,414	8,933
CHUM OR KETA	-	-	38,535	3,507
PINK	-	-	61,740	7,027
RED OR SOCKEYE	-	-	53,790	11,531
SILVER OR COHO	609	232	20,205	4,743
TOTAL SALMON	6,769	3,037	201,684	35,741
SARDINE, PACIFIC	74,367	1,475	74,367	1,475
SCULPIN	37	11	37	11
SEA BASS:				
BLACK	250	35	250	35
WHITE	3,423	463	3,426	463
SHAD	-	-	386	36
SHARKS:				
GRAYFISH	-	-	3,156	29
SOUPFIN	-	-	2	(2)
UNCLASSIFIED	602	50	607	50
TOTAL SHARKS	602	50	3,765	79
SHEEPSHEAD	10	1	10	1
SIERRA	2	(2)	2	(2)
SKATES	241	2	948	9
SMELT:				
EULACHON	-	-	1,764	118
SURF OR SILVER	552	21	1,088	60
SPLITTAIL	1	(2)	1	(2)
STEELHEAD TROUT	-	-	832	173
STRIPED BASS	-	-	20	2
STURGEON	-	-	538	54
SUCKERS	-	-	40	1
SWORDFISH	448	170	448	170
TUNA:				
ALBACORE	32,741	6,083	46,284	8,631
BLUEFIN	15,194	1,876	15,194	1,876
SKIPJACK	98,481	10,424	98,482	10,424
YELLOWFIN	108,370	14,069	108,370	14,069
TOTAL TUNA	254,786	32,452	268,330	35,000

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CATCH BY STATES, 1959 - Continued

(THOUSANDS OF POUNDS AND THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

SPECIES	CALIFORNIA 1/		TOTAL	
FISH - CONTINUED	QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE
TURBOT	129	6	129	6
WAHOO	14	5	14	5
WHITEBAIT	274	24	274	24
YELLOWTAIL	231	19	231	19
UNCLASSIFIED, FOR FOOD	7	1	7	1
TOTAL FISH	471,485	42,372	932,137	91,553
SHELLFISH, ETC.				
CRABS:				
DUNGENESS	17,262	2,576	36,947	5,032
KING	-	-	18,840	1,478
ROCK	130	9	130	9
TOTAL CRABS	17,392	2,585	55,917	6,519
CRAWFISH, FRESH-WATER	-	-	24	7
LOBSTERS, SPINY	506	306	506	306
SHRIMP	1,820	184	20,652	1,249
ABALONE	913	497	913	497
CLAMS:				
HARD	3	4	512	202
RAZOR	-	-	913	292
UNCLASSIFIED	-	-	16	5
TOTAL CLAMS	3	4	1,441	499
OCTOPUS	3	(2)	90	11
OYSTERS, MARKET:				
EASTERN	1	3	1	3
PACIFIC	1,651	305	12,328	2,219
WESTERN	1	1	43	98
TOTAL OYSTERS	1,653	309	12,372	2,320
SQUID	19,653	342	19,695	345
KELP WITH HERRING EGGS	-	-	108	5
TOTAL SHELLFISH, ETC.	41,943	4,227	111,718	11,758
WHALE PRODUCTS:				
MEAL	3,763	263	3,763	263
MEAT	3,722	347	3,722	347
OIL:				
SPERM	171	12	171	12
WHALE	3,739	253	3,739	253
TOTAL WHALE PRODUCTS	11,395	875	11,395	875
GRAND TOTAL	524,823	47,474	1,055,250	104,186

1/ INCLUDES THE CATCH TAKEN OFF LATIN AMERICA. A PORTION OF THE TUNA CATCH TAKEN OFF LATIN AMERICA BY UNITED STATES FISHERMEN, WHICH IS INCLUDED IN THIS TABLE, MAY ALSO BE INCLUDED IN UNITED STATES IMPORT STATISTICS.

2/ LESS THAN 500 POUNDS OR 500 DOLLARS.

3/ SOME HALIBUT MAY BE INCLUDED WITH "CALIFORNIA HALIBUT" AND "OTHER FLOUNDERS.

NOTE:--DATA ON THE VOLUME OF FISH LANDED IN CALIFORNIA ARE SHOWN IN WEIGHTS AS LANDED WHILE THOSE FOR WASHINGTON AND OREGON ARE IN ROUND WEIGHT. ALASKA DATA INCLUDES THE CATCH OF HALIBUT, SABLEFISH, LINGCOD, AND ROCKFISHES LANDED BY U. S. VESSELS AT BRITISH COLUMBIA PORTS.

THE BUREAU APPRECIATES THE ASSISTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS IN THE COLLECTION OF THE DATA APPEARING IN THIS BULLETIN: THE WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES; THE OREGON FISH COMMISSION; AND THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME.

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